

obligation that may rest on you on this account.

You will be pleased to furnish some account or statement, with any vouchers you may have in which you will estimate the expense and trouble that have attended your appointment; without this the Executive will find it extremely difficult to satisfy themselves and perhaps to satisfy you.

I am with O.  
Valentine Brother Esquire

John F. Mercer

Fred: Town

Council Chamber Annapolis February 2. 1802

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 25 instant, and have accordingly sent you one thousand Marriage Licenses which you will be pleased to acknowledge.

The agents business is in part placed under the superintendance of the Governor and Council, and to enable them to bring suits against delinquent Debtors, it will be necessary for you, to transmit to this Department without delay, a list of the Balances remaining in your office, with such remarks as you may deem proper. You will consider yourself as authorized to receive Monies in cases only, where the Bonds are lodged in your office, the Treasurer of this Shore being in all other cases the proper officer.

The Treasurer of the East Shore

I am with Respect O.

Minian Pinney C. C.

Council Chamber Annapolis February 2. 1802

Gentlemen

I have the honour to transmit the enclosed letter from the Treasurer of the Western Shore of Maryland, and a copy of a Resolution of the Legislature to which it refers, positively directing the Executive to sue for the principal sum, in the casualty which has now occurred.

The Legislature of this State, having never used to manifest the most liberal dispositions, in promoting the interests of the City of Washington, has impressed the Executive with the strongest desire, of extending every indulgence in this case, that may be found compatible with their duty and the interests and conveniences of the State; and as a general Resolution has passed during the last Session which may be construed to confer a discretionary control over this as well as other debts